

## **INFORMATION SOURCES FOR TOWN MEETING MEMBERS:**

- Town Meeting Handbook (7<sup>th</sup> ed., 2007, LWVA)  
[www.lwvamherst.org/docs/TownMeetingHandbook.pdf](http://www.lwvamherst.org/docs/TownMeetingHandbook.pdf)
- Your Amherst Government (7<sup>th</sup> ed., 2009, LWVA)  
[www.lwvamherst.org/cms/uploads/YourAmherstGovernment.pdf](http://www.lwvamherst.org/cms/uploads/YourAmherstGovernment.pdf)
- Amherst Zoning Bylaw & Zoning Map [www.amherstma.gov/index.aspx?nid=476](http://www.amherstma.gov/index.aspx?nid=476)
- Amherst Town Government Act & General Bylaws  
[www.amherstma.gov/index.aspx?nid=207](http://www.amherstma.gov/index.aspx?nid=207)
- Town Meeting Listserv: email name & precinct number to [townmeeting@amherstma.gov](mailto:townmeeting@amherstma.gov)
- Town Meeting Discussion Group: email [amherst\\_tm@yahoo.com](mailto:amherst_tm@yahoo.com)
- Additional Information (TM warrants, attendance, voting results, etc):  
[www.amherstma.gov/townmeeting](http://www.amherstma.gov/townmeeting)
- Reports: [www.amherstma.gov/townmeeting](http://www.amherstma.gov/townmeeting)
  - FY 2012 Budget [www.amherstma.gov/budget](http://www.amherstma.gov/budget)
  - Finance Committee
  - Planning Board
  - Joint Capital Planning Committee (JCPC)
  - Community Preservation Act Committee (CPA)
  - Town Meeting Packets with warrant articles mailed to members
  - Board/Committee Meetings: available on-demand at [www.amherstmedia.org/meetings](http://www.amherstmedia.org/meetings); rebroadcasts on Ch. 17 – check schedule

**All Information above all also available at the Jones Library**

## **PRECINCT MEETINGS:**

### **INFORMATION to be PRESENTED by PRECINCT LEADERS**

- Sign in, obtain dated red/green cards for each session; pick up materials at back tables
- Annual Spring Town Meeting v. Special Fall TM, other specially called meetings
- Warrant Article Types: Board, Committees, Citizen Petitioner
- Asking Questions: direct to the Moderator, use of red/green cards, calling the question
- Amendments: 4 copies, email Moderator Harrison Gregg at [moderator@amherstma.gov](mailto:moderator@amherstma.gov)
- Types of Votes: voice, tally, standing; vote to end debate (call the question); dismiss; quorum call
- Simple majority v. 2/3rds
- Speaking Time Limits & Tips

**CLOSE:** Refer members to details in the TM Handbook  
Respond to Questions